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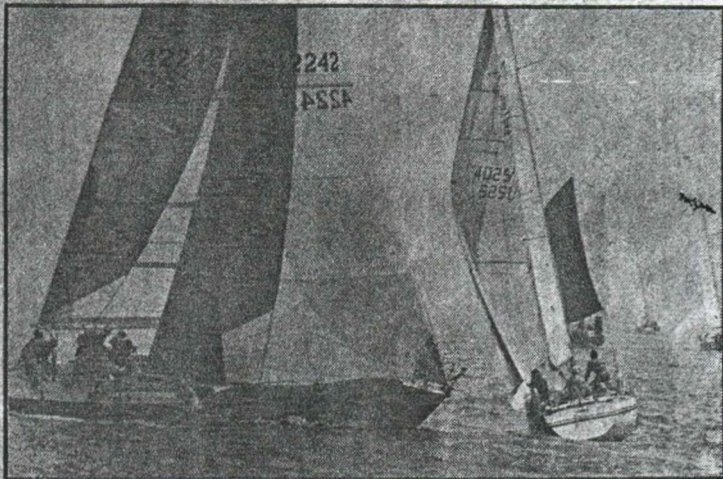
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 3. NEPENTHE, PEARSON 39 YAWL, ROBERT W. READ, SEEKONK, MASS.
 A-2 — 1. MINANDET, LUDERS 33, JOHN S. LOVELL, BLOOMFIELD, CONN.;
 W-WOW, TARTAN 34, NICHOLAS STAUB II/NICHOLAS STAUB III, NIAN TIC,
 3. VALIANT, TARTAN 34, PAUL C. VAN DYKE, MYSTIC, CONN.
 B — 1. MANDALAY, WANDERER 30, JOHN R. SAXE, ISLIP, N.Y.; 2. JUST
 DOLPHIN 24, ED PURCELL, MYSTIC, CONN. 3. WINDRIDER II, BLOCK
 25, RUSSELL W. BROWN, NIAN TIC, CONN.
 C-1 — 1. GLIDE, TRIPP 37, WILLIAM L. MUSSEY, NEW YORK, N.Y.; 2. J'AI
 GARY BENNETT, STORRS, CONN./RODNEY JOHNSTONE, STONINGTON,
 3. SETTLER, PETERSON CUSTOM 42, JAMES H. RICH JR., SOUTHOLD,
 C-2 — 1. SIRPRIZE, SEN 38, BILL HEALY, HARTFORD, CONN.; 2. SPIRIT,
 AN 36, NORMAN B. PECK JR., NIAN TIC, CONN.; 3. PIRATE, PRETORIOUS
 BAXTER, GREENWICH, CONN.
 C-3 — 1. FIFI, EVELYN 25, WES MAXWELL, STONINGTON, CONN.; 2.
 SOVEREL 30, T. JACK RODGERS, OLD LYME, CONN.; 3. NORTH OF THE
 R, EVELYN 32, STUART K. TILLINGHAST, BRANFORD, CONN.
 C-4 — 1. BRER RABBIT III, C&C 33, WALT D. STRANG JR., GROTON,
 BILL A. LOWETH, MYSTIC, CONN.; 2. FIRE GIRL, TARTAN T-30, ROGER
 CHEPACHET, R.I.; 3. THUNDER DUCK, MTM 30, MALCOLM A. ROSS,
 GROTON, CONN.
 C-5 — 1. BAD DOG, J/24, RAY CALDWELL, MYSTIC, CONN.; 2. SALUD,
 ON 30, REINHARD SARGES, MYSTIC, CONN.; 3. WILD FLOWER, EVELYN
 PUDER, MADISON, CONN.
 ING CANVAS CLASS — 1. PATIOT, BALTIC 39, ANTHONY P. HALSEY,
 ISLAND, CONN.; 2. TATTLER, OHLSSON 38 YAWL, FRANK BOHLEN,
 CONN./ELLIOT PORTER, SOUTHWINGTON, CONN.; 3. TEMPEST, IRWIN 34,
 BOURNE, WATERFORD, CONN. ■



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Sirprize, skippered by Bill Healy of Hartford, Conn., edges around the windward mark in front of Peter Brinkerhoff's Evelyn 42, Hoollgan out of Fishers Island, N.Y. Sirprize won first overall in class C-2.

SAIL RACES

Years of teamwork bring an Off Soundings sweep

By Jan Cronan
 Staff Writer

John Saxe is proof that practice makes perfect. The 62-year-old sailor from Islip, N.Y., has raced in the Off Soundings series since 1964. For the past 20 years, he's sailed in the same boat — his 30-foot Wanderer, Mandalay — using the same 20-year-old number one genoa — with two friends as longstanding crew.

This year, the team's experience paid off. At the 53rd annual Off Soundings spring races off Block Island June 8-9, Saxe had a clean sweep in his eight-boat class, becoming the only sailor at the series to capture two wins and a first overall.

"We were looking to win, but we expect to have a good time no matter if we win or lose," he said. "We're a low-key operation."

Saxe is no stranger in the winner's circle. Since 1979, he has won his class at four other Off Soundings series.

Saxe and his crew had plenty of training en route to the two-day series, which may have tipped the scales in their favor. The five-man team traveled three days from southwestern Long Island to the start off Watch Hill, R.I.

Quick starts, fast spinnaker runs and catching favorable currents contributed to the team's victory.

"We've done well over the years," he said. "We just kept the boat moving."

The fates weren't as kind this year to George Hohenstein.

The commodore of the Off Soundings Club found his boat becalmed during the first race, then engulfed in dense fog on day two.

"I didn't want to quit," said Hohenstein of Groton, Conn., who has raced in the Off Soundings series for 17 years. "We just took our own time. ... This was beautiful compared to the last two years. No one was hurt, there was no gear damage."

The weekend series, known for its unpredictable weather and challenging sailing conditions on Block Island Sound, saw light winds and fog, but was spared heavy winds and high seas. This year, 130 boats came from Massachusetts to New York compete in nine classes.

The fog did cause some problems. "It was frustrating on Saturday, but it was not heavy gear-busting weather," said Hohenstein. "We were out there groping around."

Crews under sail for 53rd Off Soundings race

By **BILL TOSCANO**
Day Sports Writer

Maybe this year the weather will be better.

Two years ago, heavy weather wiped out the Off Soundings Club's races off Block Island, and last year the fleet sailed through pouring rain and heavy seas to the island and was rewarded with bright sunshine and good breezes for Saturday's races.

This morning, the fleet leaves from off Misquamicut Beach and races to Block Island, then will race from the island,

probably around it, Saturday to complete the 53rd annual race.

More than 150 boats are entered in this year's field, and they will compete in nine classes. Awards will be given for each individual day's efforts and for the combined two-day competition. The spring results will also be combined with the results of September's two days of racing at Shelter Island, N.Y., for the overall titles.

The boats are rated according to a handicapping system that takes boat length, keel and other factors into consideration, and boats that have been highly successful are also tagged with a

percentage penalty. Maybe, a J/24 sailed by Chris and Vicki Field of Noank, carries the highest penalty in the fleet, a 35-percent marker that reflects their success over the last several years. Maybe is also rated as the fastest boat in the 18-boat Class C-5 fleet.

The fastest Off Soundings boats are those in Class C-1, and the top-rated boat among the 23 there is Hooligan, which is sailed by Peter Brinckerhoff. Touch of Grey is rated second and Old Lyme's Perry Garvin checks in with a new boat, named Salty as were his others, and has the third-rated boat in the class.

Mayer Levitt's boat Nepenthe is the

top-rated boat in Class C-2, and proved that point last spring, winning both day's races and the overall title. Jack Rose is rated second, Toucan third and Not By Bread Alone, sailed by Off Soundings veteran Bill Donovan, is fourth in the 21-boat field.

In Class C-3, Len Hubbard's Soulmate is rated first among 15 boats and Louis J. Bevilacqua's Rebel is first among 16 boats in Class C-4.

In the Cruising Canvas Class, Boss Lady, sailed by John F. Harreys, and A.P. Halsey's Patriot are rated atop a 24-boat group.

In Class A-1, Dick Washburn's Excel-

lence is rated first with Bill Fortmann's Snow Goose second in a 12-boat field. Reveille, sailed by John Orzech, is rated first among 14 boats in Class A-2 with John Hawke's Evenstar second. Reveille carried a 25 percent penalty.

Among the nine boats in Class B, Cal Beggs' Mistral is rated first and Allen and Mark Anderson's Tigress second. Both boats carry 25 percent penalties!

Three classes, B, C-5 and Cruising Canvas, sail short courses, 18.35 miles today and 18.2 miles Saturday, while the other six classes go on courses that average 24.81 miles today and 22.9 miles Saturday.

Saxe's Mandalay sweeps

New Shoreham, R.I. — This time, it was fog.

For the past three years, the Off Soundings Club's annual trip to Block Island has produced more headaches than races.

A lack of wind hampered Friday's first day of racing, and Saturday morning, fog held up the start of seven of the fleet's nine classes for more than an hour.

But no matter what the weather was, John Saxe's Mandalay was ready for it.

Saxe, who is from Islip, N.Y., was the only skipper to score a weekend sweep, taking Friday's race, Saturday's race and the overall weekend title in Class B.

Ed Purcell, sailing Just Friends, was second Friday, Saturday and overall. Russell Brown's Windrider II was sixth Saturday but placed third on the weekend and Ed Dieckerhoff's Savili was fourth Saturday and fourth overall. Stuart Dickinson's Fluent was third Saturday and eighth overall, and Tig.ess, sailed by Allen and Mark Anderson, placed eighth in Saturday's racing and fifth overall.

Bill Musser of Old Lyme was second in Class C-1 Friday aboard Glide, but came back to win Saturday's race and take first overall.

J'Aitu, sailed by Gary Bennett and Rodney Johnstone, won Friday's race, was third Saturday and finished second overall. James H. Rich Jr.'s Settler was third Friday, second Saturday and third overall.

Gerald K. Noe's En Charette was fourth overall and Phryros, sailed by Robert and K.F. Blanchard, was fourth Saturday.

Like Musser, Tony Halsey of Masons Island used a second place finish Friday as a springboard to an overall title by taking first in Saturday's Cruising Canvas Class race aboard Patriot.

Tattler, sailed by F. Bohlen and E. Porter, was second overall after a fifth place finish Saturday, and Tempest, sailed by David G. Bourne of New London, finished sixth Saturday, and that coupled with a victory on Friday gave Bourne third place overall. William Schmidt's Manantial was fourth overall.

In Class C-3 and C-4, the overall winner took a victory by finishing first Friday and third Saturday. Wes Maxwell of Noank won Class C-3 aboard Fifi, and Walt Strang Jr. and Bill Loweth of Groton took Class C-4 on Brer Rabbit III.

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Wings, sailed by T. Jack Rogers, took second across the board in Class C-3 and North of the Border, sailed Stuart K. Tillinghast, finished third overall by winning Saturday.

Roger Beaudet's Fire Girl was second across the board in Class C-4, Malcolm Ross was third overall with Thunder Duck, and Harold C. Elston Jr. took fourth overall aboard Anticipation. Checkered Demon won Saturday's race.

Ray Caldwell of Mystic sailed Bad Dog to a second-place finish Saturday and that was enough for him to top Reinhard Sarges' Salud for first overall in Class C-5. Bob Puder, aboard Wild Flower, was third Saturday and third overall and Ronald A. Sternicki's Strange won Saturday and placed fourth overall.

Niantic's Bill Healy guided Sirprize to a victory Saturday and the overall title in Class C-2. Norman B. Peck, also of Niantic, was fourth Saturday and second overall aboard Spirit, and Bill Baxter's Pirate was third overall despite a ninth-place finish Saturday. George Martin's Osprey was fourth overall. Bill Donovan's Not By Bread alone was second Saturday after a ninth-place finish Friday and seventh overall. Dennis Posey's Firebrand was third Saturday.

In Class A-1, Dick Washburn was the overall winner aboard Excellence, winning Saturday's race after taking second Friday. Barton J. Rapaport's Bum Rap placed second overall despite finishing 10th Saturday, and Robert W. Read's Nepenthe was third across the board. William G. Gunther's Revery was second Saturday and fourth overall, and George Hohenstein's Puff was fourth Saturday.

John S. Lovell's Minandet was fourth Friday but a second-place finish Saturday was enough to give him the weekend title. Bow-Wow, sailed by Nicholas Staub II and Nicholas Staub III, placed 10th Saturday but held on for second overall, and Paul van Dyke's Valiant was seventh Saturday and third overall. John Orzech's Reveille was eighth Saturday and fourth overall. John Hawke's Evenstar was fourth Saturday and fifth overall. William Pease was the winner in Saturday's race aboard Charmer.

THE SCORES AND MORE

BASEBALL

American League

White Sox 4, Red Sox 0
Yankees 5, Tigers 2
Blue Jays 8, Orioles 7
Rangers 2, Brewers 1 (10)
Indians 6, Royals 4
Mariners at Angels (L)
Twins at Athletics (L)

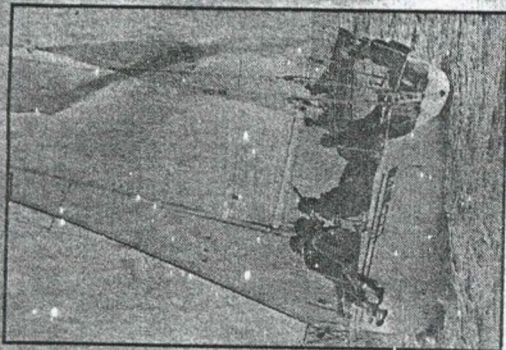
National League

Phillies 4, Mets 1
Dodgers 10, Reds 4
Expos 4, Pirates 2
Braves 7, Padres 3
Astros 2, Giants 1
Cardinals 4, Cubs 2

FOOTBALL

High school

Ledyard 14, St. Bernard 8



Under way

The Off Soundings Club begins its fall racing series. Another photo. **D5**



Racing for Shelter Island — Crew members huddle on the port stern aboard *Menace*, skippered by James Dill, which finished second Friday among the Class C-3 competitors on the first

day of the Off Soundings Club's Fall Race Series. Racing began off New London Ledge Light on courses that ended north of Shelter Island, N.Y. The series concludes today.

Jack Sauer/The Day

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'Just Friends' takes step up

Shelter Island, N.Y. — Apparently, Ed Purcell's "Just Friends" was just tired of finishing just second.

In the Off Soundings Club's spring series races to Block Island, "Just Friends" was second in both days' races and second in the spring series.

In the first day's racing of the fall series Friday, Purcell was second again, this time to Stuart Dickenson's "Fluent" in the race across Long Island Sound that ended in Gardiner's Bay. Saturday, sailing in a 25-knot wind in Gardiner's Bay, "Just Friends" came out the winner and by a big enough margin to claim the overall series title. "Bugler's Holiday" was second Saturday and third overall, followed by "Fluent," which finished second in the weekend series.

Three boats were versatile enough to win in Friday's lighter winds and in Saturday's gusts, thereby taking first place for the weekend series as well.

In Class A-1, Bill Fortmann's "Snow Goose" completed the sweep. John Lockwood's "Dolphin" was second — third for the two-race series — and Jack English's "Whimbrel" was third Saturday and second overall.

Things went the same way in Class A-2 for Donald Davis, aboard "Maria." John Hawke's "Star" was second Saturday and second overall.

Charles Poindexter's "Elusive" made it a weekend sweep in Class C-3, as well. Carl Fast was second Saturday on "Pursuit" and James Dill's "Menace" was third. Menace was second on the weekend and third overall.

In Class C-1, Norman Gahm's "Peregrine" was the winner Saturday, but Kirk Blanchard's "Zephyors", third Saturday, won the weekend title. Dennis Gincavage's "American Pie" was second Saturday and third overall.

"Fireball," sailed by Robert and Donald Kern, was second Friday, but first Saturday and first overall. Dennis Posey's "Firebrand," first Friday, was second Saturday and overall. Bill Barlow's "Alice" was third Saturday and overall.

In Class C-4, Harold Elston's "Anticipation" was first Saturday but sixth overall. Dick Tuschick's "Dutchess" was second Saturday and first overall, and Jonathan Lathrop's "Arabesque" was third Saturday. Ed Hellenbrecht and Drew Staniar aboard "Hellion," were fifth Saturday but second overall.

Robert Rosenblum was first Saturday and overall in Class C-5 with "Windwalker." Robert Levine's "Children at Play" was second Saturday and overall, and Milan Bartek's "Chasing Rainbows" was third Saturday and third overall.

In the Cruising Canvas Class, Ken Voss was the winner Saturday and for the two-day series on "Astri." Howard Bidwell's "September Song" was second Saturday and second overall, and Robert Joslyn Jr. was third Saturday and fourth overall. Frank Bohlen and Eliot Porter, on "Tattler," came in fifth Saturday and third overall.

Results for the club's perpetual trophies,